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Proposal to bring Shri Subhash Chandra Bose's ashes from Tokyo and to put up a memorial to him in front of the Red Fort in Delhi.



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This person has been  
writing very regularly,  
because PM acknowledges  
his letter once.

Minister may kindly  
see

McLeshan  
17/8

Minister -146-

What do you think about  
the 4th suggestion on page 3

Buryl

to 20/8 JS 1/PM  
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It will be an  
excellent idea to  
invite Atoji's  
wife & daughter  
in Jan 1967.

Minister. Atoji  
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Will there be any objection to  
inviting the wife & daughter & son-in-  
law of Netaji?

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Dinul Singh

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None. In fact this will be  
a popular move.

W. J.  
30/8/66

Rank of 8th

Dinul Singh

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P.M.

There is no objection but I doubt if  
any of them are anxious to come.

Minister Singh etc.

Aug. 31.8.



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The AICC has been sending  
Rs 6000/- per annum to  
Netaji's daughter upto  
1964. This was stopped  
when she got married  
in 1965. Netaji's wife  
did not want any money.  
Govt, as such, was not  
giving any money.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1966

My dearest Sister Indira

Personally it was very gratifying to me that you should have made a mention of the name of Netaji Subhas Bose, while calling upon the people to repeat 3 times his immortal mantra, his indefatigable clarion call, namely "JAI HIND", which people all over India have accepted with heartiest approbation, in your stirring address from the ramparts of the Red Fort to mark the historic occasion of the 19th anniversary of Indian Independence Day. His war-cry, "CHALO DELHI", "CHALO LAL QUILLA", uttered in the heat of the INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY's war against the British Imperial Regime in war-time, have also a ring of echo in our hearts even to-day. The place from where you were giving your edifying speech was Delhi and the venue was the Red Fort - both of which were Netaji's highest goals.

If India is free to-day, it is in no small measure to (1) the people's struggle, whether violent or non-violent, that commenced soon after the Congress Leaders' arrest following the passage of the "Quit India" Resolution on 8th August, 1942; (2) the creation of the ARZI HUKUMAT-E-HIND (the Provisional Government of Free India) in Exile and the creation of the INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY (AZAD HIND FAUZ) under the inspiration from and direct supervision of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose; (3) the naval mutiny of the Indian Navy in 1946 in Bombay, which left cracks of disaffection in the then loyal armed forces of British India. It is wrong for the Indian National Congress to <sup>influence</sup> the writing of the Indian national history, of India's struggle for freedom, to maintain that freedom was solely due to non-violent struggle waged by the people of India under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Neither the Congress or its Leaders can lay claim to a virtual monopoly in India's Fight for Freedom, excluding those who believed that violence alone could bring freedom to the Motherland. Both played their respective roles.

(P. T. O.)

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NEW DELHI

144-145 to 150.



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It will not, of course, suffice for me to merely thank you formally for making a mention of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in your Independence Day (1966) Address. I would rather go further to make the following constructive suggestions for your approval:

Firstly, whenever you happen to pay a visit to Calcutta in future, you should make it a point to call at Netaji Bhavan as a mark of your respect towards that great leader of men. (Netaji Bhavan at Elgin Road has already been turned into a National Museum and a permanent place of exhibition of his works and deeds.) While on a visit to Netaji's House, you should make it a point to take interest in NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU, run under the supervision of Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose, one of his nephews, who was responsible in helping Netaji escape from the clutches of British India into an escapade that has become a sensation of all time. If need be the Government of India should offer financial assistance and other help to the Bureau in furtherance of its objectives.

Secondly, to pay a visit to Netaji's statue, near Raj Bhavan, Calcutta, which was unveiled by the late Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, and place a wreath there.

Thirdly, to take initiative in the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the birth of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, which falls on 23rd January, 1967, and to participate personally in the celebrations in Calcutta. This particular suggestion has a special significance in view of the GENERAL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR, because the Congress in West Bengal is a FORT DIVIDED UNTO ITSELF, and only the the magic spell of Netaji's immortal name can rescue the OFFICIAL CONGRESS PARTY THERE against the DISSIDENT CONGRESS GROUP in the ELECTIONS in 1967.



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FOURTHLY, the Government of India should invite the wife of Netaji Bose, Mme. EMELIE SCHENKL-BOSE, staying in Vienna, and their daughter, DR. (MRS.) ANITA MARTIN PFAFF, along with the husband of the latter, DR. MARTIN PFAFF, now in the United States of America, to pay a visit to India to co-incide with the birth-anniversary celebrations of Netaji on 23rd January, 1967, and to participate in the Republic Day celebrations on 26th January, 1967, in New Delhi. If this proposal finds favour with you, you should personally proceed to write a letter each to Netaji's wife and daughter, which should be forwarded through, and should be personally handed over by, India's respective ambassadors in Vienna and Washington D. C. The letters should be sent post-haste, in fact, right away, to help them plan a trip to India next year or late this year which can extend to next year. I SHALL BE GLAD TO FORWARD TO YOU THE ADDRESSES OF BOTH OF THEM, ONE IN VIENNA AND THE OTHER IN THE UNITED STATES. INCIDENTALLY, IF THE TRIP MATERIALISES, NETAJI'S WIFE WILL BE IN INDIA FOR THE FIRST TIME AND HIS DAUGHTER A SECOND TIME. NETAJI'S SON-IN-LAW WILL ALSO BE HERE FOR THE SECOND TIME. BUT IT WILL BE THEIR FIRST VISIT AS HUSBAND-AND-WIFE. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHOULD SPONSOR THEIR TRIP TO, THROUGH AND FROM INDIA AT ITS OWN EXPENSE.

Thanking you once again in anticipation of your co-operation and with kindest personal greetings to you,

Very sincerely yours,

Mahen Vakil.

( M. O. Vakil )



N.K. Seshan,  
Private Secretary

No. Pms- 8037

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April 6, 1966.

Dear Shri Vakil,

Shrimati Indira Gandhi has asked me to thank you for your letter of April 4, 1966.

The two packets which were sent by you were received by the Prime Minister and sent to Netaji's daughter Anita through our Embassy in Washington. I am sure you will get an acknowledgement from her. Unfortunately, the Prime Minister could not meet Anita in Washington, during her very brief and rushed visit to that City.

She has asked me to thank you for the kind sentiments you have expressed in your letter.

Regarding meeting her in Raj Bhavan during her visit to Bombay, it will be difficult for us to fix any appointment from here. You may kindly get in touch with the Secretary who will be accompanying her there.

Yours sincerely,

(N.K. Seshan)

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Monday, April 4, 1966

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My dearest Sister Indira

You have, I trust, received my letter, dated Thursday, March 24, 1966, along with 2 packets, which I was able to send to you through the kind courtesy and good offices of local IAC officials.

The 2 packets were meant for Netaji's daughter, Anita, who resides in Washington, D. C., now.

According to Capt. D. A. Samant, Chief Operations and Training Manager, IAC, who piloted Prime Minister's Special Caravelle ("Rashtradoot") Charter Flight from New Delhi to Paris, in accordance with the telephonic talk I have had with him in Bombay, the letter along with the packets were handed over to the Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister, one Mrs. Malik, either at Ahmedabad, or between Ahmedabad and Paris.

If so, I shall be very happy indeed if I am informed as to whom the same packets were handed over at the Embassy of India in Washington, D. C., so that I can write to Anita to collect the same. If the same are being despatched to Anita direct by the Indian Embassy, I can still drop a line to Anita, so that she can acknowledge the receipt of the packets.

It is from the bottom of my heart that I hasten to convey to you my most grateful thanks for carrying these packets for Anita. As already made clear in my forwarding letter, if the same were meant for anybody else, I would never have given you the trouble to take the same with you.

(P. T. O.)

MRS. INDIRA GANDHI  
1 SAFDARJANG ROAD  
NEW DELHI

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In the absence of any report of your meeting with Anita in Washington, D. C., I shall be very happy to know from you whether you were able to run into, and meet, Anita and her husband, Martin. If you already do not know, you will be pleased to learn that the seeds of their romance were sown in Madras, India, which bloomed, blossomed, flowered and fructified in Vienna, culminating in their marriage on 5th July, 1965, in their native city - the Austrian capital. If you were not able to meet them, I still feel in my heart of hearts that you could have spared a few moments for Anita and Martin by receiving them at the Blair House, where the State Department had wisely provided for you to receive private visitors during certain specified hours, as per its announced schedule of engagements for you.

YOUR MAIDEN PERFORMANCE IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY AND STATESWOMANSHIP IN THE COURSE OF YOUR STATE VISITS TO PARIS, WASHINGTON, NEWYORK, LONDON, AND MOSCOW, LET ME HASTEN TO ASSURE YOU, HAS PROVED TO BE A VERITABLE, A THUMPING TRIUMPH. All the doubts that the doubting Thomases had about your ability and competence, when you took charge of the august office of the Prime Ministership of India, have now been, well and wisely, set at rest, once and for all. May your future career be crowned with similar splendid successes.

Please refer to my letter to you, dated Thursday, March 17, 1966, which requested you for a private audience with you, in view of your then projected stopover in Bombay en route to Washington, which did not come off, because of Air-India strike. The letter made a request for a private audience, even for a few fleeting moments, with two-fold purpose:

- 1) so that I could offer a garland and a bouquet to you as a congratulatory gesture, following the assumption by you of the august office of the Prime Ministership of India;
- 2) so that I could personally introduce to you my 2 adopted sisters, Apsara and Shahnaaz, stage-cum-screen artistes, who have met most of the members of the Nehru family, except your gracious self. Brief details about them you will find in my above letter.

(P. T. O.)



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In view of your forthcoming visit to Bombay on May 21, 22, 23, 1966, may I express the hope that it may now be possible to accede to my request, the venue preferably being Raj Bhavan, Bombay, failing which, V. I. P. Room, Santa Cruz Airport, Bombay, or any other convenient place. PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND KINDLY OBLIGE AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

Rajiv and Sanjay, it is gratifying to learn, have been able to join you in your trips to Paris, Washington, New York, London, and Moscow, and are now back home, bringing to fruition a happy family reunion. My loving greetings to them both.

Thanking you in anticipation of your favourable co-operation and expeditious reply, and with kindest greetings to you,

Very sincerely yours,  
Mohan Vakil.

( M. O. Vakil )

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In view of your forthcoming visit to London on May 11, 1952, may I express the hope that it may now be possible to accede to my request, the venue preferably being London, and possibly, failing which, V. I. P. House, Central House, or any other convenient place.

Very truly yours,  
It is gratifying to learn, have been able to help you in your trip to Paris, Washington, New York, London, and Moscow, and now back home, bringing to fruition my happy family reunion.

Thank you in anticipation of your favourable co-operation and response, and with kindest regards to you.

Very sincerely,  
(W. C. Webb)

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Thursday, March 17, 1966.

MOST URGENT

My dearest Sister Indu,

⊗ I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your letter (No.307-PMO/66), dated February 26, 1966, and another one (No.298-PMH/66), dated March 12, 1966, in acknowledgment of my previous letters.

The first letter expresses your inability to meet Dr. (Mrs.) Anita Martin Pfaff, the daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, in the course of your forthcoming official State visit to the United States of America, who has settled in Washington D.C., with her husband, Dr. Martin Pfaff. If not for the sake of maintaining relations with the daughter of a prominent Indian personage and a close colleague of your grandfather and father, how I wish it would have been possible for you to meet Anita in your official capacity as the Chairman of the Anita Bose Trust and the Indian National Army ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ Fund. Any way, be that as it may. Somehow or the other, I keep on hoping, even if it is hoping against hope, that you will run into Anita in Washington in the course of your projected tour.

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Very sincerely yours,

Sd/- M.O. Vakil

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Very sincerely yours,

24/- M.O. Vakil

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February 26, 1966

Dear Shri Vakil,

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I have received your letters. Thank you for your felicitations and good wishes.

It would be a pleasure to meet Anita again. But my visit to the United States is of such short duration that it would be extremely difficult to cope with the official business, and I doubt if there will be time to do anything extra.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

g/c  
(Indira Gandhi)

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Thursday, February 17, 1966

My dearest Sister Indu: PRIVATE, PERSONAL, CONFIDENTIAL

*not needed in this case*  
This has reference to my letter to you, dated Thursday, January 20, 1966, which, apart from conveying to you my heartiest felicitations on your election as the Leader of the Congress Party in Parliament and as the Prime Minister-Designate of India, raised 3 or 4 other matters.

Then followed another letter from me, dated Saturday, February 5, 1966, concerning the 110th birth-anniversary of Toru Dutt, on Friday, March 4, 1966, a suggestion you had favourably responded to while you were the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi.

I have a feeling, and a strong one at that, that ever since the assumption by you of the august office of the Prime Ministership of India on Monday, January 24, 1966, the battery of secretaries you are surrounded with are jealously guarding you all around, with the result that my above two letters have neither been produced before you nor placed in your hands for suitable reply. IF A FRIEND LIKE ME OF 22 YEARS' STANDING MEETS WITH THIS FATE, THEN I SHUDDER TO THINK OF WHAT HAPPENS TO THE LAYMEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN INDIA AND ABROAD. IT IS SO UNLIKE YOU NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE LETTER FROM A FRIEND AND NOT TO DEAL WITH THE POINTS RAISED THEREIN, IF I HAVE KNOWN YOU WELL ENOUGH SINCE FEBRUARY, 1944.

According to the latest communication I have available with me now, it may now please you to learn that the daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Dr. (Mrs.) Anita Martin Pfaff, whom I consider my sister, as I do you, has now shifted to Washington, D. C., the capital of the United States of America.

Her address is as follows:

DR. (MRS.) ANITA MARTIN PFAFF  
5323 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., 20015  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

So, when you do go to Washington, D. C., in the middle of March or early April, 1966, on an official State Visit to the United States of America, on an express invitation from President Jhonson, you should have no difficulty whatsoever in meeting Anita and Martin, her husband. Their romance, it may interest you to learn, started in Madras, when Anita was on a visit to India in 1960-61.

*Indira*  
(P. T. O.)

MRS. INDIRA GANDHI  
THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA  
1 SAFDARJANG ROAD  
NEW DELHI



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It will, of course, be upto you to lay down your own approach and procedure in the matter of arranging a meeting with Anita.

Your father, Panditji, in spite of his heavy schedule on a State visit to Austria some years ago, did find time to have breakfast with Anita and her mother, Mme. Emelie Schenkl-Bose, in Vienna.

If you can also hit upon a similar personal gesture on your part, not only as the Prime Minister of India, but as a member of the Nehru family, which had such close, cordial relations with the members of the Bose family since the days of your beloved grand-father, Pandit Motilal Nehru, it will not only be appreciated by personal friends like me, but will be admired by the vast teeming millions of India at large, who still hold Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in great reverence and admiration.

If, however, since you have the habit of doing everything in your own individual way, a highstrung individual that you are, then you will meet Anita and her husband, Martin, in any case, at any function or functions to be held by the Indian community in general and to be hosted by the Embassy of India in Washington, D. C., in particular.

BUT THAT WOULD NO DOUBT BE SOME SORT OF A FORMAL MEETING AT A VERY FORMAL FUNCTION, WITH NO PERSONAL, NO FAMILY TOUCH ABOUT IT.

THE FORM AND SCOPE OF MEETING BETWEEN MY TWO SISTERS, I SHALL LEAVE TO THE DISCRETION OF BOTH OF THEM, TO BE MUTUALLY ARRIVED AT, AND AGREED UPON, BY AND BETWEEN THEMSELVES DIRECT.

My another suggestion, THAT OF RENAMING THE NICOBAR AND ANDAMAN ISLANDS, SAHEED AND SWARAJ ISLANDS, AS THEY WERE NAMED BY NETAJI, WHEN THE INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY OF THE ARZI HUKUMAT-E-HIND LIBERATED THEM FROM THE BRITISH DURING THE WARTIME, deserves serious consideration indeed, because <sup>is</sup> THAT THE SOLID, CONCRETE MANNER IN WHICH NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA & BOSE CAN BE HONoured IN A VERY BEFITTING MANNER.

IT IS A GESTURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF INDIA ARE PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF, WITHOUT CREATING UNSEEMLY DEBATES AND SCENES IN THE PARLIAMENT, OVER THE RENAMING OF THESE ISLANDS.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation and with best wishes for your health and happiness,

Very sincerely yours,

Mahen Vakil.

((M. O. Vakil))



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SANYAL\* from HAKSAR.

2.\* Netaji's daughter ANITA BOSE was married yesterday to MARTIN PFAFF an American national.

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